

want to tell you, when it comes to free speech, you can hang your hat on free speech if you want to, but the thing that makes this system rotten is that a guy who can afford to belly up for \$100,000 gets a lot more free speech than some guy giving \$25. The reason he doesn't give \$25 is because he knows it gets him nothing—not even good government.

So I plead with my colleagues, for God's sake, let's do something that the vast majority of the American people want us to do—that is, to level the playing field for all parties. You don't have a democracy when the people we elect and the laws we pass depend on how much money we raise for it.

I yield the floor.

CLOTURE MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the clerk will report the motion to invoke cloture.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close the debate on S. 25, as modified, the campaign finance reform bill:

Thomas A. Daschle, Carl Levin, Joseph I. Lieberman, Wendell Ford, Byron L. Dorgan, Barbara Boxer, Jack Reed, Richard H. Bryan, Daniel K. Akaka, Christopher J. Dodd, Kent Conrad, Robert G. Torricelli Charles S. Robb, Joe Biden, Dale Bumpers, Carol Moseley-Braun, John Kerry.

CALL OF THE ROLL

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SESSIONS). By unanimous consent, the quorum call has been waived.

VOTE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is, Is it the sense of the Senate that debate on S. 25, a bill to reform the financing of Federal elections, shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are required under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. NICKLES. I announce that the Senator from Florida [Mr. MACK] is necessarily absent.

The result was announced—yeas 52, nays 47, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 270 Leg.]

YEAS—52

Akaka	Feinstein	McCain
Baucus	Ford	Mikulski
Biden	Glenn	Moseley-Braun
Bingaman	Graham	Moynihan
Boxer	Harkin	Murray
Breaux	Hollings	Reed
Bryan	Inouye	Reid
Bumpers	Jeffords	Robb
Byrd	Johnson	Rockefeller
Chafee	Kennedy	Sarbanes
Cleland	Kerrey	Snowe
Collins	Kerry	Specter
Conrad	Kohl	Thompson
Daschle	Landrieu	Torricelli
Dodd	Lautenberg	Wellstone
Dorgan	Leahy	Wyden
Durbin	Levin	
Feingold	Lieberman	

NAYS—47

Abraham	Faircloth	Lugar
Allard	Frist	McConnell
Ashcroft	Gorton	Murkowski
Bennett	Gramm	Nickles
Bond	Grams	Roberts
Brownback	Grassley	Roth
Burns	Gregg	Santorum
Campbell	Hagel	Sessions
Coats	Hatch	Shelby
Cochran	Helms	Smith (NH)
Coverdell	Hutchinson	Smith (OR)
Craig	Hutchison	Stevens
D'Amato	Inhofe	Thomas
DeWine	Kempthorne	Thurmond
Domenici	Kyl	Warner
Enzi	Lott	

NOT VOTING—1

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The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote, the yeas are 52, the nays are 47. Three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, the motion is rejected.

Mr. LOTT addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

INTERMODAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION EFFICIENCY ACT OF 1997—MOTION TO PROCEED

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I move to proceed to Calendar No. 188, S. 1173, the so-called ISTEAL legislation.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on the motion. Is there debate?

Mr. LAUTENBERG. Mr. President, was that a unanimous-consent request?

Mr. LOTT. No. Mr. President, if the Senator would yield, it is a motion. But it is debatable. I understood the Senator from New Jersey intended to debate the motion.

Mr. LAUTENBERG. Yes.

Mr. LOTT. Could I inquire of the Senator from New Jersey how long he thinks that he would need to do that?

Mr. LAUTENBERG. I can speak for myself, I think, about the bill that I want to explain but I can't certainly speak for any other colleagues.

Mr. LOTT. I am not asking for a specific hour, just some general—an hour or two.

Mr. LAUTENBERG. It is not my intention to tie the Senate up with this for some indefinite period—not at all—but I do want to discuss some of the problems that I see with the bill.

Mr. LOTT. Does the Senator think an hour is about what he is thinking about?

Mr. LAUTENBERG. I am not going to enter into a time agreement.

Mr. LOTT. I am not asking for an agreement—just for the information of all Senators so we know when there might be some further action—just some general idea of the time expected.

Mr. LAUTENBERG. In fairness to the majority leader, who I have found to be an understanding person, I would take the time necessary; probably—I do not know—an hour or so.

Mr. LOTT. That would be fine. Will the Senator require a rollcall vote?

Mr. LAUTENBERG. No.

Mr. LOTT. I yield the floor, Mr. President.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Who seeks recognition?

Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN. Will the Senator yield?

Mr. LAUTENBERG addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from New Jersey.

Mr. LAUTENBERG. Mr. President, if we can achieve order in the Chamber, it would be easier for us to communicate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Will the Senate come to order?

The Senate will come to order.

The Senator from New Jersey.

Mr. LAUTENBERG. Mr. President, I thank the Chair.

Mr. FORD. Mr. President, I make a point of order that the Senate is not in order.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. GRAMS). The Senator from Kentucky is correct. The Senate is not in order.

The Senator from New Jersey.

Mr. LAUTENBERG. Mr. President, once again, I thank you.

Mr. President, we are about to consider a radical departure from the structure as we have known it to take care of our highway and transportation needs for the next 6 years. But I view this approach as somewhat premature and want to discuss what some of the problems are with it. As a member of the Environment and Public Works Committee, and also, Mr. President, as having been the chairman of the Senate Transportation Subcommittee of Appropriations, and currently the ranking member, I view it from a particular vantage point.

So I want to use this opportunity to alert my colleagues to some of the problems that I see with the bill and those opportunities perhaps to change it. I know, Mr. President, that when I discuss concerns with this bill that I also reflect—

Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, the Senate is not in order.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Will the Senate please come to order? The Senator from New Jersey has the floor and has the right to be heard.

Mr. LAUTENBERG. Mr. President, I thank you and the Senator from Montana.

Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, the Senate is still not in order.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Will the Senator from New Jersey hold for a moment? Will those having conversations please take them to the Cloakroom so we can hear the Senator from New Jersey?

The Senator from New Jersey.

Mr. LAUTENBERG. Mr. President, once again I thank you. I sense that the excitement about the comments that I want to make has just overtaken the Senate and it is hard for people to settle down. But if they will settle down and listen, their fondest dreams will be realized.

Mr. President, I think we ought to take some time to pause before we talk